State and National Registry Exams

Where do you take the state exam or National Registry exam and how much does it cost?

Since EMS students register themselves through the Credentialing Information System (CIS) website for the NC Office of EMS (NC OEMS) exams, the location, date, and time of the exam varies depending on the individual’s specific selection. There is no cost for this exam for students who complete a course in North Carolina.

The National Registry exam is also scheduled based on student selection, however there is a cost associated with this exam. Please visit the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) website for further information.

When can you take the NC OEMS State Exam and the National Registry Exam?

Successful completion of initial provider courses and refresher courses allows a student to be eligible to test with the NC State Office of EMS (NC OEMS) and the National Registry of EMT’s at all levels. Students have one year after the course completion date to take and successfully complete the NC OEMS state exam with up to three attempts. Students who do not successfully complete the exam within three attempts need to complete an entire initial provider course again. Students wishing to take the National Registry exam must register for the exam within two years after initial course completion.

Students register for the NC OEMS exams individually once successful course completion has been documented on the CIS website. Students wishing to take the National Registry exam must first create a profile on the NREMT website and then wait for approval by the EMS program director. Once the National Registry profile has been created, please send an email to Todd Doster at tdoster@southwesterncc.edu to request successful course completion to be approved on the National Registry profile.

Please note that course completion for all initial provider and refresher courses will not occur until all course documentation (including clinical documentation) has been returned to and reviewed by the EMS program administration.